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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8303
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3976

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, SU, FAO, SO, ET
SUBJECT: CONTROL OF DESERT LOCUST

REF: KHARTOUM 3787

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1. ACCORDING TO SUDANESE PLANT PROTECTION AGENCY AND RESIDENT
FAO REP, SUDAN HAS BEEN SPARED A MAJOR LOCUST PROBLEM.
MIN AG INTERNAL LOCUST CONTROL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN
SUCCESSFUL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, SWARMS COVERING A RE-
PORTED 400-500 SQUARE KILOMETER AREA IN NORTH CENTRAL
ETHIOPIA HAVE BEEN BROKEN UP BY RAINS. THE MAJOR PART
OF THIS CONCENTRATION IS HEADING EAST TOWARDS DJIBOUTI
AND THE HORN OF SOMALIA, WHILE A SMALLER GROUP IS
GOING INTO ERITREA. (THIS INFO IS A FEW DAYS OLD,
BUT IS THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE HERE.) SUDAN STILL
FACES A THREAT, PERHAPS IN OCTOBER, IF THE ERITREAN
SWARMS MOVE NORTH INTO THE RED SEA PROVINCE, BUT BOTH
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LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THE FAO REP ARE CONFIDENT THAT
LOCAL CAPABILITIES ARE SUFFICIENT TO CONTROL ANY LIKELY
THREAT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ECONOFF, SUDANESE LOCUST

CONTROL OFFICIAL SHOWED REMARKABLY LITTLE CONCERN OVER
POSSIBILITY THAT UNCONTROLLED LOCUST SWARMS MIGHT MOVE INTO
SUDAN. HE EXPLAINED THAT SUDANGOV MAINTAINS REGULAR CONTACT
WITH ERITREAN FORCES AND RECEIVES INFO ON LOCUST SWARMS FROM
THEM. SUDAN ALSO SUPPLIES INSECTICIDES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT
TO GUERILLAS AND THIS OFFICIAL, AT LEAST, BELIEVES THAT THE
ERITREANS ARE ABLE TO CONTROL MUCH OF THEIR LOCUST PROBLEM
WITHOUT FURTHER OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
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